

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the title as follows:

MODULAR ACCESS FLOOR SYSTEM WITH PERIPHERAL AIRSEAL GASKET

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0016] Figure 6 is a partial sectional view showing a diffuser installed in floor panel of the present ~~invention~~; invention and reveals interior details to the right of phantom line 96; and

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0019] The floor panels are preferably constructed of a metal frame with a centre core. The centre core may include a variety of materials including wood. The surface is preferably applied with an adhesive. Each of the floor panels preferably measures approximately 24" by 24" ~~"and 24"~~ and has a thickness of approximately 1" (25.4 mm). A person skilled in the art will appreciate that the floor panels can be made with various measurements and from various materials known in the art.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0024] The gasket 20 is shown in side profile in Figure 5. The gasket 20 has a flange portion 22, a trim portion 24 and a resilient sealing portion 26. The resilient sealing portion is preferably concave in shape and preferably ~~protrudes"~~ protrudes beyond the trim portion 24.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0028] The access floor assembly shown in figure 1 includes a plurality of pedestals 8 that function as support members for the access floor system. The pedestals each have a base plate 14 that attaches to a sub-floor 50 of a building shown in figure 2. The base is connected to an elongate post 28. The post 28 terminates in a threaded rod portion 10 that attaches to a head plate 12. An adjusting nut 18 is attached to the threaded rod portion 10. The nut has projections that prevent it from rotating on the post 28. The head plate 12 is planar and preferably square shaped. The head plate preferably defines a plurality of threaded bores 32 about a periphery thereof. Most preferably, the head plate 12 has four corners 46 and defines a threaded bore 32 near each of the four corners 46. As shown in Figure 2, a corner 30 of one of the floor panels 4 preferably attaches to a corner 46 of the head plate. A threaded fastener 16 preferably attaches the floor panels 4 to the head ~~plates 10~~ plates 12 through clearance holes 48 and threaded bores 32. The clearance hole 48 is preferably 5/16" in diameter. As shown in Figure 2, each head plate 12 is adapted to attach to four floor panels 4 by attachment through the threaded bores 32.